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GOOD OLD TUNES FOR THE BANJO.

The Darkie's Jig.

Sheet music for "The Darkie's Jig" in common time, key of C major. The music consists of eight staves of musical notation. The first staff begins with a treble clef, two sharps, and a 'C' for common time. The subsequent staves also begin with a treble clef and two sharps. Measure 1 starts with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. Measures 2-4 show a repeating pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes. Measure 5 begins with a sixteenth note followed by eighth and sixteenth notes. Measures 6-8 continue the rhythmic pattern established in measure 5. Measures 9-12 show a more complex pattern with sixteenth-note figures. Measures 13-16 return to the simpler pattern of measures 6-8. Measures 17-20 show a final variation with sixteenth-note figures. Measure 21 concludes the piece with a sixteenth note followed by a dotted half note.

Buckley's Walk Round.

Sheet music for "Buckley's Walk Round" in common time, key of G major. The music consists of two staves of musical notation. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 'G' for common time. The second staff begins with a bass clef and a 'G' for common time. Both staves feature eighth-note patterns. The first staff has a repeat sign with a '3' underneath, indicating a three-measure repeat. The second staff has a similar repeat sign with a '3' underneath. The music concludes with a final repeat sign at the end of the page.

Essence of Old Virginia Dance.



Dick Sliter's Reel.



Buckley's best Reel.



Unsworth's new Jig.



Walk Around.



Mr. Brown.

The image shows four staves of sheet music, likely for a string quartet or similar ensemble. The music is in common time (indicated by '2/4') and A major (indicated by two sharps). The first staff begins with a eighth note followed by a sixteenth-note rest, then a eighth note, a sixteenth note, and a eighth note. The second staff begins with a eighth note followed by a sixteenth-note rest, then a eighth note, a sixteenth note, and a eighth note. The third staff begins with a eighth note followed by a sixteenth-note rest, then a eighth note, a sixteenth note, and a eighth note. The fourth staff begins with a eighth note followed by a sixteenth-note rest, then a eighth note, a sixteenth note, and a eighth note.

Snap, Flip Toodleum Dee.

The image shows four staves of sheet music. The top staff is in 2/4 time, G major, with eighth-note patterns. The second staff is also in 2/4 time, G major, with eighth-note patterns. The third staff is in 2/4 time, G major, with eighth-note patterns. The bottom staff is in 2/4 time, G major, with eighth-note patterns. The music includes measure lines and a repeat sign with endings labeled "1st time" and "2d time".

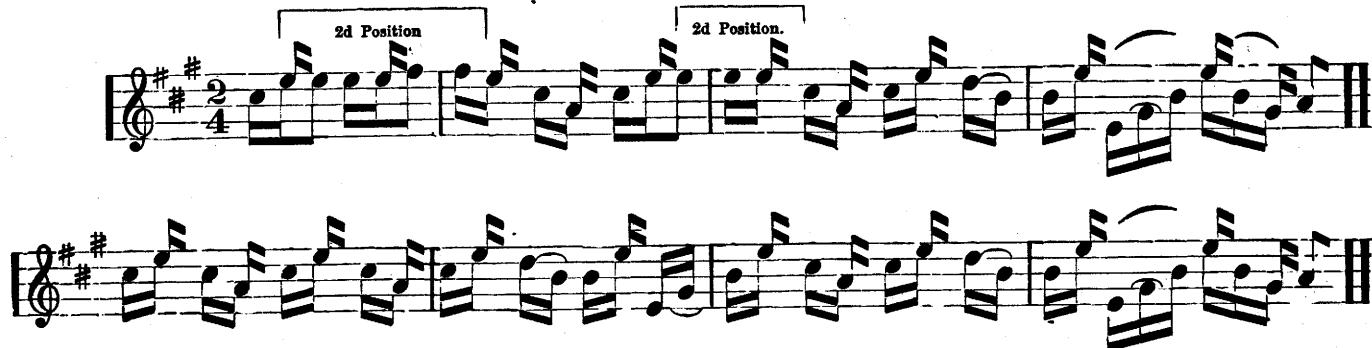
Grape Vine Twist.



Oh, Bring along de Gal.



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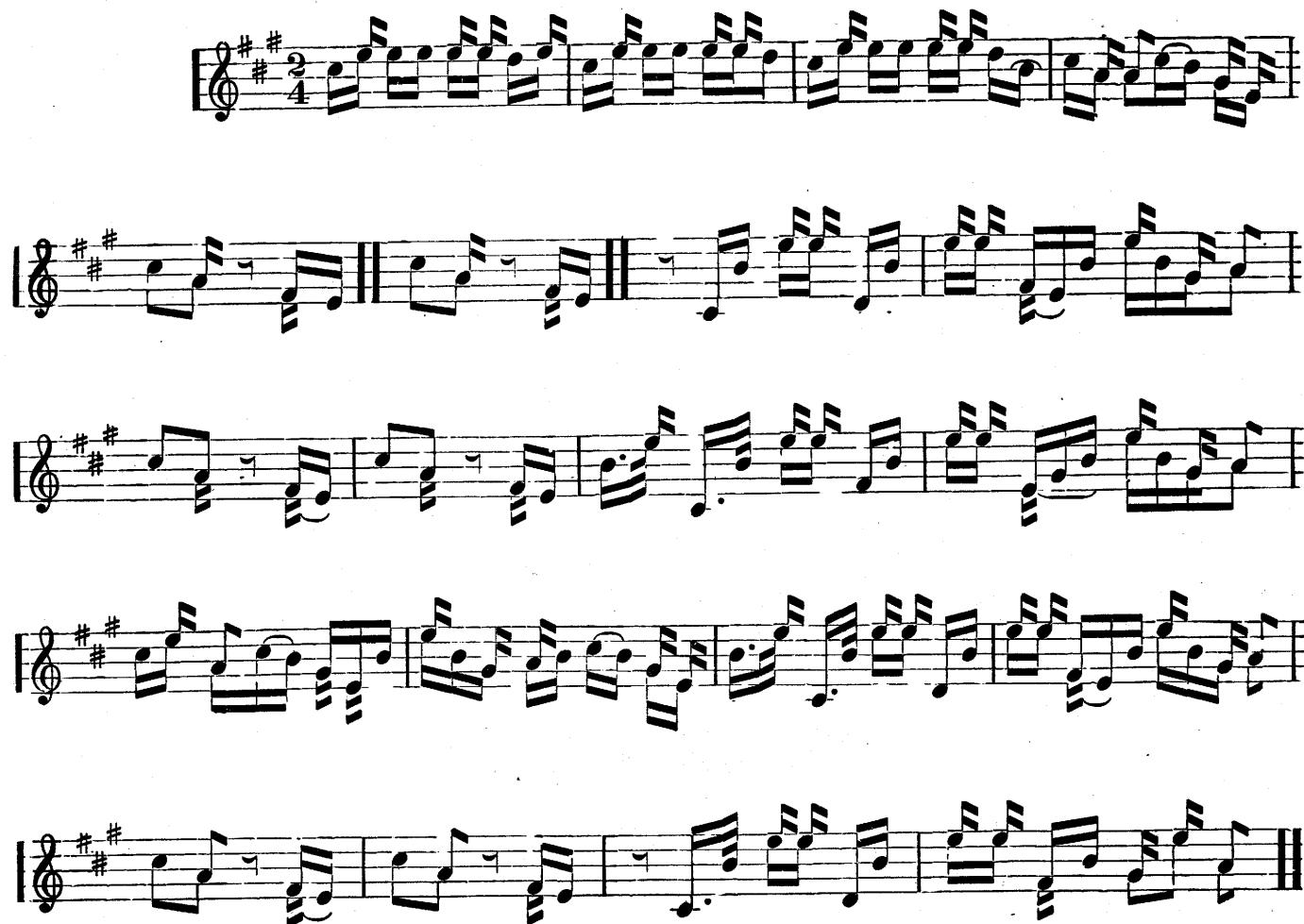
Phil Rice's Excelsior Jig.



Come Shine out Peggy.



Whoop Jamboree.



Oh, John, did you eber seed my Daughter Sally?



The Old Gander.



Rise Old Napper.



Mrs. McCloud's Reel.



Set 'em up John.



Come Day, Go Day.



Power of Music.





John Diamond Walk Around.

Five staves of musical notation in G major, 2/4 time. The notation consists of eighth and sixteenth notes, with slurs and grace notes. The first staff begins with a sixteenth note. The second staff begins with a sixteenth note. The third staff begins with a sixteenth note. The fourth staff begins with a sixteenth note. The fifth staff begins with a sixteenth note.

HAND ORGAN POLKA.

A. BAUR.

The sheet music for "Hand Organ Polka" consists of four staves of musical notation. The first three staves are in common time (indicated by a '2' over a '4') and the fourth staff is in 3/4 time. The key signature is two sharps. The music features various hand organ techniques such as sustained notes, grace notes, and slurs. The piece concludes with a section labeled "TRIO" followed by a final section labeled "FINE".

HOME, SWEET HOME.

The sheet music for "Home, Sweet Home" consists of four staves of musical notation. The time signature is common time (indicated by a '2' over a '4'). The key signature is two sharps. The music includes dynamic markings like 'f' (fortissimo) and 'p' (pianissimo). The piece ends with a section labeled "D.C." (Da Capo).

PEPPER-POT DANCE.



DARKIES DELIGHT.



JUBA DANCE.



MAN IN THE MOON.



X
SPANISH FANDANGO.

Tune 4th string to B.

The musical score consists of six staves of music for a single string instrument. The key signature is A major (three sharps). The time signature varies throughout the piece, indicated by numbers above the staff (e.g., 6, 8, 5, 4, 7, 5, 12, 9, 4, 2). The music includes several measures of eighth-note patterns, followed by measures labeled "OPEN." and "BAR 5th.", "BAR 7th.", and "BAR 4th.". The piece concludes with a final section labeled "D.C." (Da Capo).

BABY ELEPHANT. (Walk around.)

The musical score consists of four staves of music for a single string instrument. The key signature is A major (three sharps). The time signature is 2/4. The music features eighth-note patterns and sixteenth-note patterns, with slurs and grace notes indicating specific performance techniques.

PSE GWINE BACK TO DIXIE.

Voice

Banjo

1. Pse gwine back to Dix - ie, No more Pse gwine to wan - der, My heart's turned back to
Dix - ie, I can't stay here no long - er, I miss de ole plan - ta - tion, My
home and my re - la - tion, My heart's turned back to Dix - ie, And I must go.

CHORUS.

Ise gwine back to Dix - ie, Ise gwine back to Dix - ie, Ise gwine where de
or - ange blos - soms grow; For I hear de chil - dren call - ing, I

I'SE GWINE BACK TO DIXIE. (Concluded.)

see their sad tears fall - ing, My heart's turned back to Dix - ie, And I must go.

2.
I've hoed in fields of cotton,
I've worked upon the river,
I used to think if I got off
I'd go back there, no never,
But time has changed the old man,
His head is bending low,
His heart's turned back to Dixie,
And he must go.—CHORUS.

3.
I'm trav'ling back to Dixie,
My step is slow and feeble,
I pray the Lord to help me,
And lead me from all evil.
And should my strength forsake me,
Then kind friends come and take me,
My heart's turned back to Dixie,
And I must go.—CHORUS.

GRANDMOTHER'S OLD ARM CHAIR.

Moderato.

1. My grand-mother she, at the
age of eighty-three, One day in May was tak-en ill and died, And af-ter she was dead, the

GRANDMOTHER'S OLD ARM CHAIR. (Concluded.)

will, of course was read, By a law-yer, as we all stood by his side; To my brother, it was found, she had

left a hundred pound, The same un - to my sis-ter, I de - clare! But when it came to me, the

CHORUS.

lawyer said, I see, she has left to you her old arm chair. And how they titter'd, how they chaff'd,

How my brother and sister laugh'd When they heard the lawyer declare, Granny had only left to me her old arm chair.

2.

I tho't it hardly fair, still, I said I did not care,
And in the ev'ning took the chair away;
The neighbors they me chaff'd, my brother at me laugh'd,
And said it will be useful, John, some day;
When you settle down in life, find some girl to be your wife,
You'll find it very handy, I declare!
On a cold and frosty night, when the fire is burning bright,
You can then sit in your old arm chair.—**CHORUS.**

4.

One night the chair fell down, when I picked it up and found,
The seat had fallen out upon the floor;
And there to my surprise, I saw before my eyes,
A lot of notes, two thousand pounds or more;
When my brother heard of this, the fellow, I confess,
Went nearly mad with rage, and tore his hair,
But I only laugh'd at him, then said unto him,
“Jem, don't you wish you had the old arm chair?”—**CHORUS.**

3.

What my brother said was true, for in a year or two,
Strange to say, I settled down in married life;
I first a girl did court, and then the ring I bought,
Took her to church and then she was my wife.
The old girl and me were as happy as could be,
For when my work was over, I declare!
I ne'er abroad would roam, but each night would stay at home,
And be seated in the old arm chair—**CHORUS.**

DE LITTLE CABINS ALL AM EMPTY NOW,

1 Oh, dis heart of mine am breaking wid a grief dats gwine to kill; I neb-ber can be han- p- an-y
more; For de cab-ins in de val-ley, and de cab-ins on de hill, All hab got de grass a growin' roun'de
door. De dar-kies all hab gone a way and left me here a-lone, And to de fate dat waits me let me
bow, But dere aint much use of livin' when de joys ob life is gone; Oh, de lit-tle cab-ins all am empty
now. Oh, I hear de owl a hoot-in' in de darkness ob de night, And it brings de drops of sweat out on my

DE LITTLE CABINS ALL AM EMPTY NOW. Concluded.

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G major. The first staff begins with a treble clef, the second with an alto clef, and the third with a bass clef. The key signature is one sharp. The time signature is common time (indicated by a 'C'). The music includes various note values such as eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. The lyrics are integrated into the melody, with some words like 'now.' appearing at the end of a line.

2.
Oh, I listen for de shoutin' ob de darkies in de corn,
But I only hear a sort ob rustlin' soun',
'Tis de wind among de fodder, and it comes a sweepin' on
For to tell me dat dere aint nobody roun'.
In de little 'tater patches now de weeds am growin' high,
And de water-million vines am gone to waste,
And de mellons dat was on 'em had to rotten off and die,
'Cause dere wa'n't nobody roun' to get a taste.

3.
When de moonlight comes a shinin' frough de empty cabin door
'Pears to me I sometimes sees a darkey's face,
And I think I see de shadows dancing all about de floor,
But dere aint a living soul about the place.
Dey is gone way off to Kansas, whar dey say dars better times,
But dar I guess dey'll find dey'll have to plow,
Just de same as in ole Dixie, if dey want to win de dimes,
Dough dey's left de little cabins empty now.

I'M DYING FOR SOME ONE TO LOVE ME.

The musical score features three instruments: Voice, Banjo, and Piano. The Voice part has two stanzas of lyrics. The Banjo part provides harmonic support with a rhythmic pattern. The Piano part is indicated by a treble clef and a bass clef, suggesting a two-part harmonic structure.

Voice:

1. I'm dy-ing for some one to love me,
2. I'm dy-ing for some one to love me,

To call me his i - dol, his own,
I want him to call me his bird,

Banjo:

1. I'm dy-ing for some one to love me,
2. I'm dy-ing for some one to love me,

To call me his i - dol, his own,
I want him to call me his bird,

Piano:

can't bear the thought of re-main-ing
duck - y, his own pre-cious dar - ling,

For - ev - er on earth all a - lone.
And all the sweet names ev - er heard.

I'M DYING FOR SOME TO LOVE ME. Concluded.

want to be called pet and sweetheart,
want him to be all af - fec-tion, I want to be loved and ca - ressed,
And while my head lies on his breast, To

want to be cared for in earn-est,
smooth back my tres - ses, and tell me For flirt - ing I e'er shall de - test.
That I am his bright-est and best.

CHORUS.

I'm dy-ing, I'm sigh-ing, Mere friend-ship I ev - er shall spurn; I'm
dy-ing, I'm. sigh-ing, To love, and be loved in re - turn.

3. I may not be overly handsome,
Yet one thing I very well know,
I'm nicer than one of my neighbors,
Who has a magnificent beau.
My heart is just wild for devotion,
Just aching for some one to love,
Just longing to meet some fond being
Who true and devoted would prove.
I'm dying, I'm sighing, &c.

4. There's Charlie, Alonzo and Harry,
There's Ned, Phil, Jack, Willie and Joe,
They can't talk of love worth a button,
In fact they're exceedingly slow.
I want to be loved in dead earnest,
I want a young man who can talk,
Can treat to ice cream and fried oysters,
And take me a nice moonlight walk.
I'm dying, I'm sighing, &c.

5. Mama say's "my head isn't level,
That something is wrong with my brain,
And had she her time to go over,
She never would marry again;
That love is a brilliant hued bubble,
And I but a foolish young dunce,
Who'd better attend to her lessons,
And give up such nonsense at once."
I'm dying, I'm sighing, &c.

6. Perhaps she forgets she was young once,
For one day to Papa she told,
That she could have had twenty husbands,
Before she was sixteen years old.
So now to young men I give notice,
I'm dying to get a nice beau,
And if I can catch the right fellow,
My heart and my hand I'll bestow.
I'm dying, I'm sighing, &c.

ONE MORE RIBBER FOR TO CROSS.

Voice

1. Ole No - ah once he built de ark, Dar's one more rib - ber for to cross; He
 2. He went to work to load his stock, Dar's one more rib - ber for to cross; He
 3. De ani - mals went in one by one, Dar's one more rib - ber for to cross; De
 4. De ani - mals went in two by two, Dar's one more rib - ber for to cross; De

Banjo

CHORUS.

patch'd it up wid hick 'ry bark, Dar's one more rib-ber for to cross. One more rib-ber, And
 anchor'd de ark wid a great big rock, Dar's one more rib-ber for to cross.
 elephant chewin'a caraway bun, Dar's one more rib-ber for to cross.
 rhinosceras and de kan - ga - roo, Dar's one more rib-ber for to cross.

dat ole rib-ber am Jor-dan; Dar's one more rib-ber, Dar's one more rib-ber for to cross.

5.
 De animals went in three by three,
 Dar's one more ribber for to cross;
 De bear, de bug, de bumble-bee,
 Dar's one more ribber for to cross.—CHORUS.

6.
 De animals went in four by four,
 Dar's one more ribber for to cross;
 Ole Noah got mad and hollered for more,
 Dar's one more ribber for to cross.—CHORUS.

7.
 De animals went in five by five,
 Dar's one more ribber for to cross;
 Wid Saratoga trunks they did arrive,
 Dar's one more ribber for to cross.—CHORUS.

8.
 De animals went in six by six,
 Dar's one more ribber for to cross;
 De hyena laughed at the monkey's tricks,
 Dar's one more ribber for to cross.—CHORUS.

9.
 De animals went in seven by seven,
 Dar's one more ribber for to cross;
 Says de ant to de elephant, who are you a shoving,
 Dar's one more ribber for to cross.—CHORUS.

10.
 De animals went in eight by eight,
 Dar's one more ribber for to cross;
 Dey come wid a rush cause 'twas so late,
 Dar's one more ribber for to cross.—CHORUS.

11.
 De animals went in nine by nine,
 Dar's one more ribber for to cross;
 Ole Noah shouted cut dat line,
 Dar's one more ribber for to cross.—CHORUS.

12.
 De animals went in ten by ten,
 Dar's one more ribber for to cross;
 De ark she blowed her whistle den,
 Dar's one more ribber for to cross.—CHORUS.

13.
 And den de voyage did begin,
 Dar's one more ribber for to cross;
 Ole Noah pulled de gang plank in,
 Dar's one more ribber for to cross.—CHORUS.

14.
 Dey nebber knowed whar dey was at,
 Dar's one more ribber for to cross;
 Till de ole ark bumped on Ararat,
 Dar's one more ribber for to cross.—CHORUS.

15.
 De ole ark landed high and dry,
 Dar's one more ribber for to cross;
 De baboon kissed de cow good bye,
 Dar's one more ribber for to cross.—CHORUS.

16.
 Now please just look out for de text,
 Dar's one more ribber for to cross;
 To be continued in our next,
 Dar's one more ribber for to cross.—CHORUS.

DAR DE OLE SERPENT WAS A CRAWLIN'.

WESTENDORF.

2. When he saw who 'twas he cracked a smile,
 Dar de ole serpent was a crawlin',
And he said to his self dats just my style,
 Dar de ole serpent was a crawlin'.

3. Now Eve she saw him a lookin' at her,
 Dar de ole serpent was a crawlin',
And she said "I guess you better mind you business sir,"
 Dar de ole serpent was a crawlin'.

4. He looked kind a hurt when she said dat,
 Dar de ole serpent was a crawlin',
And he lifted up his shiny beaver hat,
 Dar de ole serpent was a crawlin'.

5. Miss Eve she stopped and hemmed and hawed,
 Dar de ole serpent was a crawlin',
And de corner of her palm-leaf fan she chawed,
 Dar de ole serpent was a crawlin'.

6. He knocked de apple off de tree,
 Dar de ole serpent was a crawlin',
And he said "wont you please eat dat for me?"
 Dar de ole serpent was a crawlin'.

7. Now Eve she knowed dat it wa'nt right,
 Dar de ole serpent was a crawlin',
But she opened her mouf and took a bite,
 Dar de ole serpent was a crawlin'.

8. Dar's where de very first sin began,
 Dar de ole serpent was a crawlin',
And it never would a happened if Eve had been a man,
 Dar de ole serpent was a crawlin'

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CLIMB DE GOLDEN STAIR.

1. I'll wear de robes ob glo - ry, I'll
 2. Oh, hear me all ye sinners, Oh,
 3. A - board de gos - pel chariot, A -

leave dis world ob care. Oh, shout, shout, glo - ry to de lamb!.... Put on my gold - en slippers, To
 hear me shout, and fear. Den shout, shout, glo - ry to de lamb!.... Old Satans' migh - ty jealous, He'll
 - sail - in' thru' de air. Oh, shout, shout, glo - ry to de lamb!.... When Gabriel blows dat trumpet, We'll

CHORUS.

climb de gold - en stair, Den shout, shout, glo - ry to de lamb! For we are
 catch you by de ear, Den shout, shout, glo - ry to de lamb! For we are
 mount de gold - en stair, Den shout, shout, glo - ry to de lamb! For we are

go - - ing, yes, we are go - - ing, we are going for to climb de golden stair, Hal - le - lu - jah! lu jah!

go - - ing! We are go - - ing! We are go - ing for to climb de gold - en stair!

DE GOLDEN WEDDING.

A musical score for 'DE GOLDEN WEDDING.' featuring four staves of music in 2/4 time with a key signature of two sharps. The music consists of eighth and sixteenth note patterns, primarily in quarter note time values. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below each staff. The first staff's lyrics are: 'Les go to de gold-en wed-ding All the dar-kies will be there'. The second staff's lyrics are: 'Oh, such danc-ing, and such tread-ing, and such yel-low girls so fair.'. The third staff's lyrics are: 'All the high toned col-ored peo-ple, That re-side for miles a-round.'. The fourth staff's lyrics are: 'Have re-ceived an in-vi-ta-tion, And they sure-ly will come down,'.

CHORUS.

All the dar - kies will be there, Don't for - get to curl your hair.
Bring a - long your dam - sels fair, For soon we will be tread - - ing.
Won't we have a jol - ly time, Eat - ing cake and drink - ing wine.
All the high toned dark - kies will be at the gold - en wed - ding.

2.

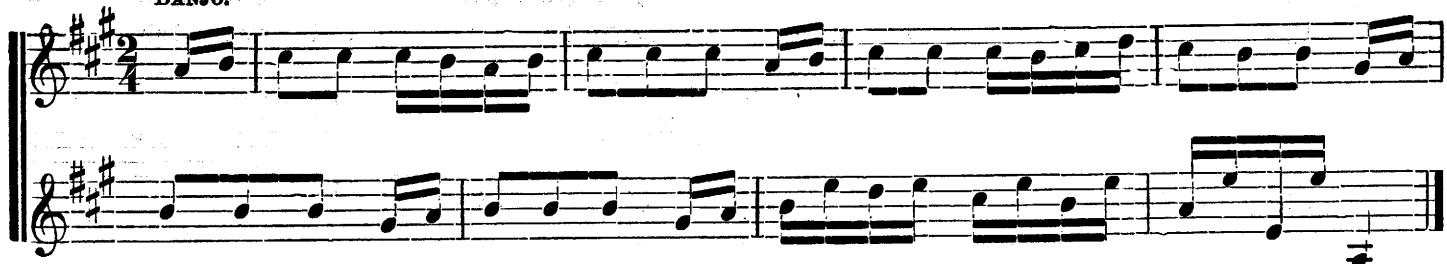
We will have ice cream and honey,
Apple brandy and mince pie.
Darkies, won't it look too funny,
When aunt Dinah does Shoo-Fly.
Uncle Joe, and Hezekiah,
From the old Carlina state,
Will be at the golden wedding,
Kase them colored gents am great.
CHORUS. All the darkies, &c.

3.

Old Jim Grace will play the fiddle,
Beat the bones and old tambo,
And Kersands will play the essence,
On Jim Bohee's ole banjo.
Mackintosh will kiss Lucinda
Kase she is so very shy,
And the little picaninnies,
They will dance and sing Shoo-Fly.
CHORUS. All the darkies, &c.

OH, DEM GOLDEN SLIPPERS.

BANJO.



VOICE.

A musical score for voice and piano. The vocal part is in a treble clef, and the piano part is in a bass clef. The lyrics begin: "1. Oh, my geld-en slip-pers am laid a-way, Kase I don't 'spect to wear em till my". The piano accompaniment consists of simple chords.

A continuation of the musical score. The lyrics continue: "wed - din - day; And my long tailed coat dat I loved so well, I will". The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with sustained chords.

A continuation of the musical score. The lyrics continue: "wear up in de chariot in de morn. And my long white robe dat I". The piano accompaniment continues with chords.

A continuation of the musical score. The lyrics continue: "bought last June, I'm gwine to git changed, kase it fits too soon, And de". The piano accompaniment concludes with a final chord.



ole gray hoss dat I used to drive, I will hitch him to de chariot in de morn.



CHORUS. (First time *pp* repeat *f*)



Oh, dem golden slippers, Oh, dem gold-en slippers, gold - en slippers I'se gwine to wear be-



- kase dey look so neat. Oh, dem gold - en slippers, Oh, dem



gold - en slippers, gold - en slip-pers I'se gwine to wear to walk de gold - en street.



2 Oh, my ole banjo hangs on de wall,
Kase it aint been tuned since way last fall;
But de darks all say we will hab a good time,
When we ride up in de chariot in de morn.
Dar's old brudder Ben, and sister Luce,
Will telagraph de news to Uncle Bacco juice,
What a great camp meetin dar will be dat day,
When we ride up in de cnariot in de morn.

3 So its good bye children, I will have to go,
Whar de rain don't fall, or de wind don't blow,
And yer ulster coats why yer will not need,
When yer ride up in de chariot in de morn.
But yer golden slippers must be nice and clean
And yer age must be just sweet sixteen,
And yer white kid glove yer will have to wear,
When yer ride up in de chariot in de morn.

THE WAY I MARCH.

BANJO.



VOICE.

1. Good eve - ning to you one and all I ask your kind at - ten - tion, The
2. If you should see me on that day, You must not get of - fend - ed, For

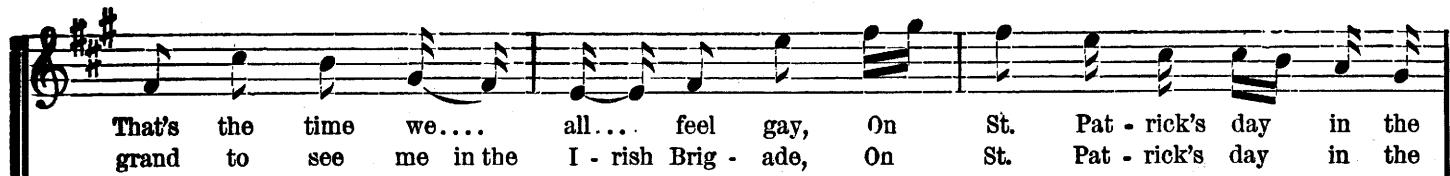
The lyrics correspond to the first two lines of the song, starting with "Good evening to you one and all". The music consists of a vocal line and a banjo harmonic line.

sub - ject of my song is one, To you I'll now make men - tion.
what I say, or do to you, It nev - er is in - tend - ed.

The lyrics continue with "sub - ject of my song is one, To you I'll now make men - tion." The music consists of a vocal line and a banjo harmonic line.

It's a - bout a day not far a - way, Al - though it comes but once a year,
And when I'm out up - on pa -rade, I leave all oth - ers in the shade, It's

The lyrics continue with "It's a - bout a day not far a - way, Al - though it comes but once a year." The music consists of a vocal line and a banjo harmonic line.



CHORUS.

morn . ing. The drums will beat and the fifes will play, As
morn . ing.

down the street we march a - way, That's the time we'll

all feel gay, On.... St. Pat - rick's day in the morn - ing.

DANCE.

MAKE THE BEST OF IT TO-DAY.

A musical score for a vocal piece, likely for voice and piano. The music is in common time, with a key signature of two sharps. The vocal part is in soprano range, and the piano accompaniment consists of harmonic chords.

The lyrics are as follows:

I re - mem - ber long a - go, When this
place was in a - glow, And the dar - kies were so hap - py all day long; Then
brisk - ly to our work, Not a hand did try to shirk, And we picked de cot - ton gai - ly, with a
song. First 'twas Ole Car - li - na State, Den down in de cane - brake, Dear - est
May, Don't let dull care leave its fur - row, And ole mas - sa used to say, Make de

best ob it to-day, For you can't tell what may come a - long to - mor - row. And his words come to me now, And his
 words come to me now, As we make a cheer - ful bow, As we make a cheer - ful bow, And he
 3rd. — 5th.
 looked so kind and good, Little thinking where he stood, That we'd all be sold away some day in sorrow, And with
 tears we hear him say, Make the best of it to-day, For you can't tell what may come along to - mor - row.

2 'T has been many a weary day,
 Since Ole Massa passed away ;
 For poor Missis left to d'rect us all alone,
 Still she's done the best to cheer,
 Not a darkeys had to fear,
 For his food and clothes, or roof to call his own.
 And on many a cloudy morn,
 When a little nig was born,
 She would come herself, and drive away all sorrow.
 And whisp'ring she would say,
 Make the best of it to-day,
 For you can't tell what may come along to-morrow.
 And her words come to me now.
 And her words come to me now,
 As we make a cheerful bow,
 As we make a cheerful bow,
 And she looked so kind and good,
 Little thinking where she stcdd,
 That we'd all be sold away some day in sorrow.
 And with tears we hear her say,
 Make the best of it to-day,
 For you can't tell what may come along to-morrow.

3 Now the time has come for us
 When too soon our love and trust,
 In ole missis that's been good and kind to all,
 So that when dey come to say,
 Step up, now, we sell to-day,
 All de darkies dat belong here, short and tall,
 Don't you dar begin to cry,
 But just hold your hands up high,
 So's to bring a good price, even though they borrow.
 And de white folks all will say,
 They make de best ob it to-day,
 For they can't tell what may come along to-morrow.
 And their words come to me now,
 And their words come to me now,
 As we make a cheerful bow,
 As we make a cheerful bow,
 And we'll look so kind and good,
 While we're thinking where we stood,
 That we've all been sold away this day in sorrow ;
 And with out a tear will say,
 Make the best of it to-day,
 For you can't tell what may come along to-morrow.

I'M THE NIG THAT'S ALWAYS LAUGHING.

BANJO.



VOICE.

1. I'm a nig that's al - ways laughing, I can't stop when I be - gin; And the boys are



al - ways chaff - ing, 'Cause they like to see me grin, And my sweet lips are so pret - ty



And my dear mouth is so small, The la - dies say it is a pi - ty I don't try and



kiss them all. Ha ha ha ha ha ha ha he he he he he he he he



CHORUS.

ho ho ho ho ho ho Stop me quick, or I'll go mad, I'm

off a gain to grin be - gin - ning, I'll split some day, I'm sure I will I

can't keep still when I am grin ning, But I must keep grin - ning still.

2 I langh before and after dinner ;
 I'm always full of grins and stares ;
 And folks do say, as I'm a sinner,
 They catch me laughing at my prayers.
 I get up laughing in the morning,
 And if at me you'll take a peep,
 All through the night I'll give you warning,
 That I'm a laughing in my sleep.

Chorus.

3 To Washington I went one Monday,
 The Politicians made me stare ;
 While some they looked six ways for Sunday,
 The others swore and tore their hair.

I met Fred Douglas and Senator Morton,
 Arm in arm on the avenue,
 And Jim Blaine too for the White House snorting,
 Was shaking the red rag Buggaboo.

Chorus.

4 I went one night to P. T. Barnum's ;
 The lions roared to see me come,
 The monkeys grinned to show their larnin,
 While the kangarooster beat the drum.
 The great female rhinosorous,
 Danced with the hippopotamus,
 The elephant tread on his own probosis,
 And I laughed to hear that elephant cuss. *Chorus.*

White Cat or Black Cat.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in common time, key signature of two sharps, and treble clef. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The first staff contains the first two lines of the chorus. The second staff continues the chorus. The third staff begins with a repeat sign and the words 'CHORUS.' above the notes. The fourth staff concludes the chorus. The music features eighth-note patterns and various rests.

White cat or black cat, a - ny cat at all, When you catch de pus - sy cat,
 dont you let her squall. Oh, if you catch de black cat, save him, save him,
 When you catch de white cat, shave him to de tail If you catch de black cat,
 save him, save him, When you catch de white cat, shave him to de tail.

2 De Tom cat's a gemman and rambler in de dark,
 Bull dog he bow wow, and scared him wid his bark.
 When you catch de black cat, save him, save him,
 When you catch de white cat, shave him to de tail.

3 Bull dog bellowed at de bristles on his back,
 When he see'd de pussy cat peepin through de crack.
 When you catch de black cat, save him, save him,
 When you catch de white cat, shave him to de tail

4 De bull dog grinned, de pussy cat laughed,
 Go away bull dog, you havn't seen de half.
 When you catch de black cat save him, save him.
 When you catch de white cat, shave him to de tail

Bobbin Round.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in 2/4 time with a key signature of two sharps. The lyrics are integrated into the music:

- Staff 1: Dis world wid hum - oug
- Staff 2: is quite full, Bob - bin round, a - round, a - round, E - bry one has some new
- Staff 3: dodge or pull, As dey go bob - bin a - round. Bob - bin, bob - bin, bob, bob, bob,
- Staff 4: bob - bin, bob, bob, bob, skid a lea drink a bob, as dey go bob - bin a - round.

2 De great sea serpent had his day,
Bobbin round, around, around,
To some odder clime it sped its way,
As he went bobbin around.
Bobbin, bobbin, bob, bob, &c

3 Some ladies are so very small,
Bobbin round, around, around,
Wear high heel boots to make dem tall,
Bobbin round, around, around.
Bobbin, bobbin, bob, bob, &c

4 Hoghshead hoop skirts is all de rage,
Bobbin round, around, around,

Just room for two inside of a stage,
As dey go bobbin around,
Bobbin, bobbin, bob, bob, &c

5 Shanghai roosters all de go,
Bobbin round, around, around.
So tall you cannot hear them crow,
Bobbin round, around, around.
Bobbin, bobbin, bob, bob, &c

6 Any thing now you want to by,
Bobbin round, around, around,
Is no account if it aint Shangai,

A bobbin round, around, around..
Bobbin, bobbin, bob, bob, &c

7 Dere's de woman' rights convention too
Bobbin round, around, around,
Was fairly tried, but would'n do,
Bobbin round, around, around,
Bobbin, bobbin, bob, bob, &c

8 Some in bloomer dress appeared,
Bobbin round, around, around,
Dey was not men, dey wanted beard,
As dey went bobbin round.
Bobbin, bobbin, bob, bob, &c

Gettin Up Stairs.



Picayune Butler's come to Town.

A musical score for 'Picayune Butler's come to Town.' It features two staves of music in common time (indicated by '2/4') and G major (indicated by a single sharp sign). The music is intended for a single melodic instrument. The lyrics are integrated into the melody. The first staff includes the lyrics: 'I come to town dis ve - ry day, And brought my Ban-jo long to play, Yah ha, I'. The second staff continues the melody and includes the lyrics: 'raise my notes to such a sound, Dat it clear'd my heel right off de ground, Yah ha.' The music consists of eighth and sixteenth notes, with a mix of bass and treble clefs across the staves.

2

About some twenty years ago,
Old Butler reigned wid his old Banjo,
Ah, ah,
Twas a gourd, three string'd, and an old pine stick,
But when he hit it he made it speak,
Ah, ah.
Picayune Butler's commin, comin, &c.

3.

Picayune Butler gwine to rise,
And meet his friends up in de skies.
Ah, ah,
Some thing else am mighty true,
De Banjo gwine to be dar too,
Ah, ah.
Picayune Butler's comin, comin. &c.

4.

Now ladies all I'll hab you know,
Dar is no music like de old Banjo,
Ah, ah,
And when you want to hear it ring,
Just watch dese fingers on de string,
Ah, ah,
Picayune Butler's comin, comin,
Picayune Butler's come to town, &c.

Hannah, Hannah, where's you going.



I'm off for Nicaragua.

Musical score for 'I'm off for Nicaragua.' The score includes lyrics and two staves of music in G major (two sharps) and common time. The lyrics describe a person's journey through various challenges: 'Such a gwine a-round de horn and a catch-in ob de cold, And a waitin round de ta - ble on de white folks, Such a scratching ob de grab - ble, and a dig - gin ob de gold, Oh de'.

Such a gwine a-round de horn and a catch-in ob de cold, And a waitin round de ta - ble on de

white folks, Such a scratching ob de grab - ble, and a dig - gin ob de gold, Oh de

nig - ger likes to trab - ble wid de white folks. To de land, Oh to de land,

To de land, Oh to de land, Oh, oh, oh, oh Oh, fare you well my lub, now I

bid to you a - dieu, For I'm off for Ni - ca - ra - gua in de morn - in.

2.

I stopped on de Isthmus my fortune for to try,
To sing dis song and play for Gen'l Walker,
Oh I neber shall forget until de day I die,
Dere was hard times den in Nicaragua
To de land, &c.

3.

struck em up a tune, and dey all begin to plance,
Dis music ebry one took great delight in.
I made em think of home when dey got thro' de dance.
Oh dey're de boys dats got the game for fightin.
To de land, &c.

4.

Dey blowed upon de fife, and beat upon de drum,
When dey found de Costa Ricans was advancin,
Gen'l Walker said, guess we'd better let em come,
Dey shall hab a ball, to set em all a dancin.
To de land, &c.

5.

De little grey eyed man begin to call aloud,
De figures for to set de ball in motion,
We'll furnish dem wid music and feel it mighty proud
Now go in boys, and make em change dare notion
To de land, &c.

6.

So we pull'd off our coats, and we rolled up our sleeves,
You ought to see de Costa Ricans trabble,
Jordan was a hard road dey all began to believe,
For de todder side dey gin to scratch a grabble
To de land, &c

Machine Poetry.

The musical score consists of three staves of music in common time (indicated by '2/4') and G major (indicated by a treble clef and two sharps). The first staff begins with a sixteenth-note pattern followed by eighth notes. A bracket labeled '2d Position.' covers the first four measures. The second staff starts with eighth notes and includes the lyrics: 'De way dey bake de hoe cake, Vir - gin - ny neb - er tire, Slap de cake up'. The third staff continues with eighth notes and includes the lyrics: 'on de foot, And stick em in de stove - pipe and keep it dere till it's done brown.'

2.

De monkey climbed a tree,
When he got up to de top
He says to himself,
I guess I'd better—turn
right round and come down agin

3.

Wake up skillet tar on de heel,
Tar on de heel,
Go away colored man,
Or I'll skin you like—one of
dem long slickery fish dat looks like
a black snake

4.

Nigga cotched a woodchuck,
He eat him in a minute,
He eat him up so quick,
Dat he did't have time to—take
de hide of de animile

United States it am de place.

The musical score consists of two staves of music in common time (indicated by '2/4') and G major (indicated by a treble clef and two sharps). The lyrics 'If I was rich, I'd have mo - ney, Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, I'd' are written below the notes. The music features eighth-note patterns throughout both staves.

2 If I was a soger I'd be some, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh,
 I'd beat de fife and blow de drum, ah, ah, ah, ah, ah,
 De sogers say dat fightin's funny, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh,
 But when dey'd fight I wculd runny, ah, ah ah ah ah.
 United States it am de place, &c

3 De greatest man dat eber lived, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh,
 Was Barnum, now see what he did, ah, ah, ah, ah, ah
 He made de ring tail monkey dance, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh
 And bro't a Russian cat from France. ah, ah, ah, ah, ah
 United States it am de place, &c

Oh de Law Gals.

CHORUS.

De nig - gar lip's so thick dat he could'nt hard- ly whistle, Pos - sum fat is ve- ry good, I'd

radder hab de gristle, De bees make de honey comb and suck it from de flower, I'm playin on de banjo by de

lo - co - mo-tive power. Oh de law gals, don't you hear de darkie singin, Rip up in de skid em a jig, dah,

Rip up in de dooden doo, dah, Plays upon de banjo, do'nt you hear de thimble ringin, Rip up in de skid em a jig, dah, hoop de dooden doo.

- 2 Massa read de big book all about de fightin,
Tellin ob de Russia bear de allies am a bitin,
De queen and de emperor dey tought it mighty funny,
When dey cone to pay dere bills dey could'nt raise de
money.
- 3 De eagle flyin sky high, de parrot try to mock her,
De Yankee boys is gwine out to fight for Gen'l Walker,
If dey catch de Costa Ricans dey'll work dem in to chowder
Ram em in be big gun and blow em out wid powder.

- 4 Old hoss he kick high when he takes a notion.
Dancin on his hind legs a mighty pretty motion,
Bull frog he winked and jump in to de water,
Dar he sat a grinnin at de alligator's daughter.
- 5 Long heel woolley head choke to deff wid butter,
Massa cotch de nigge drunka loafin in de gutter,
Put him on de treddin mill to make him work de harder
De crows are talkin French to de turkey bazzard
farde.

Oh, what's de matter Suse Ann.

Old Sambo had a son born, Dah whoop de dooden doo,

Old Sambo had a son born, he tought it was a daughter, Yal-low sal de Geor-gia

stag's de big buck in de wa-ter, Oh what's de matter Suse Ann, what's de matter,

my dear, Oh what's de mat-ter Suse Ann, I'm gwine a-way to leave you.

CHORUS.

2 De old sow she whistled a jig,
Dah whoop de dooden doo,
De old sow she whistled a jig, de pigs dey danced a reel,
Old Susey jumped up and burst her stockin heel,
What's de matter Suse Ann, &c.

4 Now old folks, young folks,
Dah whoop de dooden doo,
Old folks and young folks, you'd better go to bed,
Kase you put de debble in de little niggas head,
Oh what's de matter Suse Ann. &c.

4 A monkey in de barber shop,
Dah whoop de dooden doo,
Monkey in de barber shop, a pussey on de mat,
De barber shabed de monkey, and de monkey shabed de cat,
Oh what's de matter Suse Ann, &c.

Somebody's in de House wid Dinah.

Oh, some-bo - dy in de house wid Di - nah,

Somebo - dy in de house, I know,

Somebo-dy's in de house wid Di - nah A playin on de old Ban - jo.

DIALOGUE.

1st Nigger.—(Three or four loud raps at the door.) Who's dare?

2d Nigger.—Why, do'nt you know who I is. I's old Jo.

1st Nigger.—Why, is dat you, Jo?

2d Nigger.—Why, yes, nigger, hurry up and let us in.

1st Nigger.—Now, go away, nigger. If you do'nt I'll throw a whole cellar full of hot taters right down your froat. (Plays banjo very soft and listens.) I wonder what's dat, (continues to play the banjo and listens). It sounds like a banjo in de back parlor. I guess it's some funny blubber lip'd student nigger putting on airs; I'll tell dat gal dat I heard some one in de back parlor, in fact,

2.

I know dere's a nigger in de house wid Dinah,
Dere's a nigger in de house, I know.

If I catch a nigger in de house wid Dinah,
I'll knock him on de head wid dis banjo.

(Listens and commences playing very soft.)

DIALOGUE

Eh, eh, I hears you, nigger, dat's a big blubber lip'd niggar making lub wid my Dinah, I tell you what it is, de ga needn't tell me dere is'n't any one in de house, (plays and listens.) Eh, eh, my dander is a risin right up—de fact is I'm sartin, yes,—I know

3.

Dere's a big buck nigger in de house wid Dinah,
Show me dat nigger in de house, by Jo,
Bring me dat nigger in de house wid Dinah,
I'll show tun, de size of my big toe

So glad Dinah left me.

The musical score consists of three staves of music in common time (indicated by '4') and G major (indicated by a single sharp sign). The first staff is for the bassoon, the second for the piano, and the third for the voice. The lyrics are as follows:

Dis song I'm gwine to sing you, Is a - bout a gal called Di - nah, She
 stole my heart a - way from me, Way down in old Car - li - na. Oh, I'se so glad
 Wasn't I mad, I'se so glad dat Di - nah left me,
 So glad from my heart. I'se so glad dat Di - nah left me, So glad from my heart.

CHORUS. 1st Voice.

2d Voice.

2
 He eyes was like de turtle dove,
 And her foot like de giraffum,
 When she rolled her eyes at me
 I'd almost die a laffin.
 Den I was glad,
 So was I !
 Den she was mad,
 Oh my eye.
 So glad Dinah left me, &c.

3.
 I took her to a ball one night,
 And when we went to supper
 She fainted and over de table fell,
 And stuck her nose in de butter.
 Den I was sad,
 Oh my !
 Felt so bad,
 Tought she'd die.
 So glad Dinah left me, &c.

4.
 Dey used camphorene to fotch her too
 But den it was too later,
 A turkey leg stuck in her eye,
 And she choked to death wid a tate:
 Den I was mad,
 You get out !
 Den she was mad,
 What about ?
 So glad Dinah left me, &c.

Don't mind Steven.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in common time, key of G major (two sharps). The vocal parts are in soprano and alto voices. The piano accompaniment is in the bass and treble clefs. The lyrics are as follows:

Oh law ladies, you hear talk of Steven,
Steven told a gal he'd buy her a bonnet,
Steven's such a But he nev - er

li - ar you nev - er can be - lieve him, Oh law la - dies,
done it, you may de - pend up - on it.

don't you mind Steven, Oh law la - dies don't you mind
Steven, For Steven's so de - ceiven you nev - er can be - lieve him.

- 2 I went to a ball twas last Saturday evenin,
I looked in de corner, and dare sot Steven,
Steven licked his tongue out in de corner,
A nigger gal see'd it, and I tought she was a goner.
- 3 I got a little water, and I flung it on de critter,
I asked her how she feel, she feel a little better,

- Den I shabed her head, put on a plaster blister,
She looked de debble, or else de debble's sister
- 4 Steven had a dog, he neber told a story,
He bark up de trée de coon dare surely,
Steven cocked his gun, put his finger on de trigger
Slam bang went de gun, and down came a nigger

De Ole Grey Goose.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in common time (indicated by '4') and G major (indicated by a single sharp sign). The first staff contains the lyrics: "I am a nig - ger hard to beat, Hot from de North Car - li - na, De". The second staff begins with a repeat sign and contains the lyrics: "pret - tiest gal I eb - er saw, Could'nt come to tea wid Di - nah. Oh, look dar ! Oh, look whar ?". The third staff continues with "Oh look o - ber yon - der, Don't you see de ole grey goose, Smiling at de". The fourth staff concludes with "gan - der.". The music features various note values including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. The piano accompaniment is indicated by a treble clef and bass clef with various note heads and rests.

- 2 She was de prettiest gal in town,
De niggers do admire her,
And ebry time dey see her strut,
It sets dar harts on fire.
Oh look dar !
- 3 I see'd her at a ball one night,
Oh ! she looked so lazy,
She wink for a lock of dis child's hair,
To set de nigger trazy.
Oh look dar !
- 4 De ball was ober I took my seat,
Clem Green he blow'd de bugle.

- Dan Tucker he guv out de hymn,
Dey called it Yankee Doodle.
Oh look dar !
- 5 I thought dat I would bust my boots,
To see dem niggers cryin ;
One ole wench rolled up her eyes,
Just like a calf a dyin.
Oh look dar !
- 6 But comin to herself agin,
I gave to her my hand,
Her hair hung down her coal black cheeks,
Like see weeds round a clam.
Oh look dar .

Oh, Jenny get your hoe Cake done.

De

hen and chick-en-s went to roost, De hawk flew down and bit de goose, He

bit de ole hen m de back, I real-ly be - lieve dat am a fac, Oh,

Jen-ny get your hoe cake done, my dear, Oh Jen-ny get your hoe cake done

SYMPHONY.

2 As I was gwine long de road,
On a stump dar sat a toad,
De Tadpole winked at Pollewog's daughter,
And kicked de bull frog plump in de water.
Oh Jenny get your hoe cake done, &c.

3 Apple cider, an percimmon beer,
Christmas comes but once a year,
Ginger puddin and punkin pie,
Grey cat kick out black cat's eye.
Oh, Jenny get your hoe cake done, &c.

4 Dare was a frog jumped out de spring,
It was so cold he could'nt sing,
He tied his tail to a hickory stump,
He rared an pitched but he could'nt make a jump,
Oh, Jenny get your hoe cake done, &c.

5 Now white folks, I'd hab you to know,
Dare is no music like de old banjo,
And if you want to hear it ring,
Jist watch dis finger on de string.
Oh, Jenny get your hoe cake done, &c.

Darling Nelly Gray.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in common time, key of G major (two sharps). The first staff starts with a treble clef, the second with an alto clef, the third with a bass clef, and the fourth with a soprano clef. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with some parts in parentheses and others in a different font. The score includes a section labeled "FINE. CHORUS." and two endings, "S" and "D. C.", with a transition from "D. C." to "FINE".

There's a low green val ley on de old Kentucky shore, There I've whiled many hap-py hours a-

- way, A sit -ting and a sing -ing by the lit -tle cot -tage doo1, Where
D. C. sit -ting by the riv -er and I'm weep-ing all the day, For you've

lived gone from the dar-ling Nel-ly Gray. Oh ! my poor Nel-ly Gray, they have

ta -ken you a - way, And I'll nev-er see my dar-ling a - ny more, I'm
D. C. S to FINE

2 When the moon had climb'd the mountain, and the stars
were shining too,

'Then I'd take my darling Nelly Gray,
And we'd float down the river in my little red canoe,
While my banjo sweetly I would play. CHORUS.

3 One night I went to see her, but "she's gone!" the neigh-
bors say,

The white man bound her with his chain ;
They have taken her to Georgia for to wear her life away,
As she toils in the cotton and the cane. CHORUS.

4 My canoe is under water, and my banjo is unstrung,
I'm tired of living any more,

My eyes shall look downward, and my song shall be unsung
While I stay on the old Kentucky shore. CHORUS

5 My eyes are getting blinded, and I cannot see my way ;
Hark ! there's somebody knocking at the door—
Oh ! I hear the angels calling, and I see my Nelly Gray,
Farewell to the old Kentucky shore.

CHORUS TO THE LAST VERSE.

Oh ! my darling Nelly Gray, up in heaven there they say
That they'll never take you from me any more,
I'm a coming, coming, coming, as the angels clear the way
Farewell to the old Kentucky shore.

-Oh, Ladies All !

The musical score consists of four staves of music in common time (indicated by '2' over '4') and G major (indicated by a 'G' with a sharp). The first staff has lyrics: 'I went from here to Baltimore, De long tail blue an'. The second staff continues: 'coat what I had on, I lay my head a - gin de door,'. The third staff begins with 'My heel work a hole right thro' de carpet.' followed by 'O la - dies' and ends with 'CHORUS.' The fourth staff concludes with 'all ! Ah, ah ! my dear ho - ney !'

2 Eighteen pounds in de corner ob de fence,
Lynchburgh gals hant got no larning,
I danc'd all night wid Fanny on de fence,
Until I run my head against a post.
Oh ladies all, &c.

3 Wid Fanny B. I fell in lub.
But darn my skin she gib me de sack.

When Fanny me began to snub,
Dis nigger felt as tho' he'd been struck wid a hot tate,
Oh ladies all, &c.

4 My heart was broke, I like to died,
I stuck my head into a pint of water,
To drown myself it was my pride,
When Fan step'd up and ask'd me in to take a chowder
Oh ladies all, &c.

That's so and you'd better believe it.

A la - dy wants a house to dwell, As big as two or three ho - tel, Wid a
 dar - key tied to ev - ry bell, That's so, and you'd bet - ter be - lieve it.

CHORUS.

That's so, and you'd better be - lieve it, That's so, and you'd bet - ter be - lieve it, With a
 dar - key tied to ev - ry bell, That's so, and you'd better be - lieve it

- 2 The infant miss she wants a beau,
 As soon as she cuts her teeth, you know;
 The youth he wants a goatee too,
 That's so, and you'd better believe it.
 That's so, &c.
- 3 The South they would the States divide,
 And fast words fly from every side
 But they will never let the Union slide,
 That's so, and you'd better believe it.
 That's so, &c.
- 4 The Mormons now begin to see
 Their fun is up, and so do we,

- So Young must run, oh yes Sir-ree,
 That's so, and you'd better believe it.
 That's so, &c.
- 5 And Brigham with his wives must go
 A dancing on their heel and toe,
 From that great lake so salty O,
 That's so, and you'd better believe it.
 That's so, &c.
- 6 Buchanan knows just how things run.
 So Brigham need not try to pun,
 For Scott will show him how it's done,
 That's so, and you'd better believe it.
 That's so, &c

Down in Alabama.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in common time (indicated by '2') and G major (indicated by a single sharp sign). The first two staves feature vocal parts with lyrics: 'Ah!', 'Ah!', 'Way down south in de CHORUS. I'm so glad dat I', and 'state of A - la - ba - rum, State of A - la - ba - rum, State of A - la - ba - rum, come out de wil - der - ness, Come out de wil - der - ness, come out the wil - der - ness,' followed by 'If you dont pick de cot - ton you'll sure - ly get a ham - me - rum. I'm so glad dat I come out de wil - der - ness, Down in A - la - bama.' The third staff contains a continuous eighth-note pattern. The fourth staff contains a continuous sixteenth-note pattern.

2 My wi's dead and I'll get anudder one,
I'll get anudder one, I'll get anudder one,
Pretty little yaller gal, just like de tudder one,
Down in Alabama

3 Way down south in de Choctaw natiorm,
Choctaw natiorm, Choctaw natiorm
Pretty yaller gal on a big plantatiorm,
Down in Alabama.

* i went to a dance and my heels kept a rockinum.
Heels kept a rockinum, heels kept a rockinum,
I balanc'd to de gal wid a hole in her stockinum,
Down in Alabama
I'm so glad, &c

Root Hog or Die.

Dis world it is a great one, I just be - gin to find, You got to trabble mighty fast, or
else you'll get behind, Ebrybody for demselves now is all de cry, Big pig or lit - tle pig, root hog or die.

CHORUS.

The bu-lgine is aw - ful fast, but the
te - le-graph is faster, Now nuf-fin e - ber was got up, but what is found a master. Do jog a - long.

2 Our country it is very large, de people all begin
To think very seriously of trying to fence it in,
Wid Nicaragua, Mexico, and Cuba we will buy,
Good or bad, we'll have em all, root hog or die.

Get you rails and pile em up, call on General Walker,
He'll commence and boss de job out in Nicaragua,
Do jog along.

4 If any outsiders should attempt to interfere.

We'll stand upon our dignity, which sticks out very clear,
And show em dat dey have no right, by bloin dem sky high.
We'll make em mind dere own affairs, root hog or die.
Be sure your right den go ahead, dont think of backin,
As Davy Crocket used to say, for spunk I is'nt lackin,
Do jog along.

3 What can be done with Kansas, de Mormons, and Utah?
If I only had de power, I would make a law,
To let em do just as dey liked, as hard as dey could try,
Abolitionists and spiritual wives, root hog or die.

Give em rope dey'll hang emselves, let em go togedder,
Brigham Young and Gen'l Lane, look out for wi dy
wedder,

Do jog along.

Rob Ridley.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in common time (indicated by '2') and a key signature of two sharps (F major). The first staff begins with a treble clef and continues with a bass clef. The second staff begins with a bass clef and continues with a treble clef. The third staff begins with a treble clef and continues with a bass clef. The fourth staff begins with a bass clef and continues with a treble clef. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The first section starts with "In North Carolina, in old Nash County, Niggar like me is sure to get a boun-ty," followed by "Ear - ly in de morn - ing de woods am a ring-ing, And my old mas - sa". The second section starts with "al - ways is a singin, Oh Rob Rid - ley Oh, Oh, Rob Rid - ley". The third section starts with "ho Oh, Rob Rid - ley Oh, Oh, Oh, Ro - bert Rid - ley Oh!". There are three endings numbered 2, 3, and 4 at the bottom.

2.

Oh, dey take me out on Tater hill,
And make me dance against my will—
Dey make me dance on sharp edge stones,
While ebry nigga laughs and groans—
Oh Rob Ridley, &c.

3.

Oh nigga will be nigga, any how you fix it,
Brandy will be brandy, any how you mix it;
Five thousand niggas dancin Juba to de Cymbal,
Oh, dear Moses, how dar toe nails jingle
Oh Rob Ridley, &c.

4.

I wish I was back in Old Carlina,
Workin in de field along wid Dinah,
I'd make de woods around me ring,
And dis is de song dat I would sing,
Oh Rob Ridley Oh

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